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*(Editor's Note: Cordell Hull's gift was not identified as a \$1 million commitment in a Jan. 22, 1998, news release. Please replace with this version.)*

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES CREATED BY GIFT TO UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON**

DAYTON, Ohio — A new fellowship program will give participants in the University of Dayton's scholars program an unprecedented opportunity to study, learn and serve abroad.

The Hull International Fellows Fund has been created to encourage international research and experiential learning among UD scholars, said Alan Kimbrough, chair of the honors and scholars program. Funded by a \$1 million gift from San Francisco businessman and UD civil engineering graduate Cordell Hull, the fund will afford University scholars a chance to travel abroad to conduct research and participate in international conferences and service-learning programs.

Starting this spring, University scholars may apply for grants ranging from \$500 to \$7,500 for individual and up to \$10,000 for collaborative projects.

Roughly \$35,000 will be available in grants each year, Kimbrough said.

"This is a real boost to an effort that has historically been part of the honors and scholars mission," Kimbrough said. "UD scholars have had opportunities abroad, but we've never had funding set aside to assist students before."

University officials say creating international research and service learning opportunities is a priority in the effort to achieve the goals of the University's Vision 2005 plan, which includes enhancing UD's position as a leader in Catholic higher education. Achieving that goal, said Fran Ary, vice president of University advancement, means reinforcing academic opportunities for students while broadening the University's presence globally.

Kimbrough believes the fund will be useful in recruiting students to UD and the scholars

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program.

"I've found an increase in the number of specific inquiries from prospective students about study abroad programs," Kimbrough said. "I think (the fund) can't help but be a recruiting help."

Hull, who received his bachelor's degree from UD in 1956, is a member of UD's board of trustees and chairman of Energy Asset Management, an international energy investment and development company based in San Francisco. He is also a director of the Bechtel Group, a private global engineering and construction company, and two international investment firms.

"The world operates today in a global economy," Hull said. "All students should have an awareness of international business and how their actions affect the global community."

Hull said his gift to the University was inspired by the "immensely valuable education" he received here.

Students who are on track to complete at least 60 semester hours by the end of each academic year, including graduating seniors, are eligible to apply. Proposals must be submitted to Kimbrough by March 1. Awards will be announced before April 1.

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